

REMARKS

Claim Status

Claims 1-14 are pending in the present application. No additional claims fee is believed to be due.

Claims 1, 2, 6 and 8 have been amended to include the feature of an active material applied on the surface of the first roll in the form of essentially unbroken lines. Support for this amendment is found in figures 1 and 1B of the specification.

Claims 9 has been amended to properly depend from claim 1.

Claims 2 and 9 have also been amended to more clearly recite particular features in these claims.

It is believed these changes do not involve any introduction of new matter. Consequently, entry of these changes is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

Rejection Under 35 USC §§102/103 Over HefeIe

Claim 2 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over U.S. Pat. No.5,569,348, (hereafter "HefeIe I"). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

The law is well settled that "[a] claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found . . . in a single prior art reference. *Verdegaal Bros. v. Union Oil Co. of California*, 814 F.2d 628, 631, 2 USPQ2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987). Additionally, to establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness under 35 U.S.C. §103, the Office must show that all of the claim elements are taught or suggested in the prior art. (See, *CFMT, Inc. v. Yieldup Int'l Corp.*, 349 F.3d 1333, 68 U.S.P.Q.2D 1940 (Fed. Cir. 2003)).

The Applicants and the Office agree that HefeIe I discloses applying "dots" of adhesive. (See, Applicants' Appeal Brief, page 7; and The Examiner's Answer, page 13).

It is stated in the Examiner's Answer that the "Examiner does not see a difference in the interpretation of Hefe's 'dots' of adhesive and the claimed 'multitude of beads.'" (*Id.*). Therefore, claim 2 has been amended to recite, among other things, the active material in step a) being applied to the surface of the first tool in the form of a multitude of essentially unbroken lines.

As best understood by Applicants, Hefe I does not teach or suggest applying an active to the surface of a first tool in the form of a multitude of essentially unbroken lines, as recited in claim 2. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claim 2 under 35 U.S.C. §102 or, in the alternative, 35 U.S.C. §103(a) be withdrawn.

Rejection Under 35 USC §103(a) Over Sirota in View of Koehn and Goodnow

Claims 1 and 3 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Pat. No. 3,574,153, issued to Sirota (hereinafter "Sirota") in view of U.S. Pat. No. 6,475,283 issued to Koehn (hereinafter "Koehn") and U.S. Pat. No. 4,906,335 issued to Goodnow, *et al.*, (hereinafter "Goodnow"). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

The Applicants and the Office are in agreement that Koehn discloses spraying adhesive through nozzles in the form of small drops or a similar pattern. (See, Applicants' Appeal Brief, page 8; and the Examiner's Answer, page 14).

It is stated in the Examiner's Answer that "the Examiner does not see the difference in the interpretation of Koehn's 'small drops' and the claimed 'multitude of beads.'" Therefore, claim 1 has been amended to recite, among other things, applying said active material to a surface of a first tool in the form of a multitude of essentially unbroken lines.

As best understood by Applicants, Koehn does not teach or suggest applying an active to the surface of a first tool in the form of a multitude of essentially unbroken lines, as recited in claim 1. The Office Action has not shown where in Sirota or Goodnow there is disclosure to overcome the lack of disclosure of Koehn. Therefore, Applicants submit

that the combination of Sirota, Koehn, and Goodnow does not teach or suggest each and every element recited in claim 1, or any claim depending therefrom.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 1 and 3 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) be withdrawn.

Rejection Under 35 USC §103(a) Over Lender in View of Koehn and Goodnow

Claims 1, 3, and 11 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over EP 0978263, to Lender, *et al.* (hereinafter “Lender”) in view of Koehn and Goodnow. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

For the sake of brevity, Applicants will not repeat the remarks made above with regard to Koehn. In addition, Applicants submit that the Office has not shown where in Lender or Goodnow there is disclosure to overcome the lack of disclosure of Koehn discussed above. Therefore, it is Applicants’ position that the combination of Lender, Koehn, and Goodnow does not teach or suggest each and every element recited in claim 1 or any claim depending therefrom.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 1, 3, and 11 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) be withdrawn.

Rejection Under 35 USC §103(a) Over Yajima in view of Herzog and HefeIe

Claims 1, 3, and 11 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yajima, *et al.* (U.S. Pat. No. 4,343,260, hereinafter “Yajima”), in view of Herzog (U.S. 3,762,365, hereinafter “Herzog”) and HefeIe (US 4,141,313, hereinafter HefeIe II). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

The Office asserts that “Yajima *et al.* teach the patterned dot deposition of a liquid adhesive onto the outer surface of an article by means of a stamp roller provided with a pattern of depression pits where the adhesive is deposited.” (The Final Rejection dated January 3, 2007, page 7). However, Applicants are unable to find any disclosure in Yajima, Herzog or HefeIe II of applying said active material to a surface of a first tool in the form of a multitude of essentially unbroken lines, as recited in claim 1 of the present

application. Therefore, Applicants submit that the combination of Yajima, Herzog, and Hefe II does not teach or suggest each and every element recited in claim 1 or any claim depending therefrom.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 1, 3, and 11 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) be withdrawn.

**Rejection Under 35 USC §103(a) Over Yajima, in View of Herzog and Hefe II, and
Further in View of Lender and Friesch**

Claim 4 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Yajima in view of Herzog and Hefe as applied to claim 3, and further in view of Lender et al. (EP 0978263, hereafter "Lender") and Friesch (U.S. Pat. No. 5,064,492, hereafter "Friesch"). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

For the sake of brevity, Applicants will not repeat the foregoing remarks directed to the lack of disclosure of Yajima. In addition, Applicants submit that Herzog, Hefe II, Lender, and Friesch fail to overcome the lack of disclosure of Yajima. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claim 4 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) be withdrawn.

**Rejection Under 35 USC §103(a) Over Yajima, in View of Herzog and Hefe II, and
Further in View of Hefe I**

Claim 7 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yajima in view of Herzog and Hefe II as applied to claim 3, and further in view of Hefe I. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

For the sake of brevity, Applicants will not repeat the foregoing remarks directed to the lack of disclosure of Yajima and Hefe I. In addition, Applicants submit that Herzog and Hefe II fail to overcome the lack of disclosure of Yajima and Hefe I. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claim 7 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) be withdrawn.

**Rejection Under 35 USC §103(a) Over Yajima, in View of Herzog and Hefe II, and
Further in View of Kaylor**

Claims 10, 12, and 13 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yajima et al. in view of Herzog and Hefe II as applied to claim 1, and further in view of Kaylor, *et al.*, (Pub. No. 2003/0138570, hereafter "Kaylor"). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

For the sake of brevity, Applicants will not repeat the foregoing remarks directed to the lack of disclosure of Yajima. In addition, Applicants submit that Herzog, Hefe II, and Kaylor fail to overcome the lack of disclosure of Yajima. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 10, 12, and 13 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) be withdrawn.

**Rejection Under 35 USC §103(a) Over Yajima, in View of Herzog and Hefe II, and
Hefe I and Further in View of Datta**

Claim 14 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yajima in view of Herzog and Hefe II, and Hefe I as applied to claim 7, and further in view of Datta et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,695,376). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

For the sake of brevity, Applicants will not repeat the foregoing remarks directed to the lack of disclosure of Yajima and Hefe I. In addition, Applicants submit that Herzog, Hefe II, and Datta fail to overcome the lack of disclosure of Yajima. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claim 14 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) be withdrawn.

Conclusion

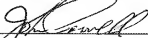
This response represents an earnest effort to place the application in proper form and to distinguish the invention as now claimed from the applied references. In view of the foregoing, reconsideration of this application, entry of the amendments presented herein, and allowance of Claims 1 - 14 is respectfully requested.

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